

**TRI-COUNTY CONEWAGO CREEK ASSOCIATION
LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT – January 29, 2003, 7:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES**

I. Welcome and Call to Order

II. Secretary's Report

III. Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's Report at this meeting.

IV. Projects and Activities Report

WREN Grant:

- Text for website was given to Pam , consultant. There should be a rough draft by the end of February. A volunteer webmaster is needed to maintain the website once it is functional. Pam will train volunteers. Pam is also designing a streambank fencing brochure.

Growing Greener Grant:

- This grant is being used for design of a TCCCA logo. Three designs are to be presented to the Board at the next meeting in February. Another project under this grant is a general membership brochure to be bulk mailed to surrounding landowners and citizens. A volunteer newsletter editor is also needed.

Stoffel Planting:

- At the end of November, Joe Miller and other staff of the Milton Hershey school, planted native seeds on the property. There are currently three seed plots which will be monitored to determine which type of planting works best for multi-flora rose maintenance. An April planting of approximately 200 trees is tentatively scheduled.
- Open discussion centered around asking for volunteers who would be willing to make metal shields for the seedling trees and also someone to construct a sign and brochure box for the Rails-to-Trails, highlighting the cooperation of various organizations in the planting project.

Landowner Database:

- Tom Murray brought a map of the progress of this database. Lancaster and Dauphin counties have been completed and Stephanie Harmon has supplied Tom with aerial photos of Lebanon county. There are approximately 2,7000 name/addresses so far. An Elizabethtown college student is also diagramming amphibian populations in the watershed, especially endangered and threatened species.

Watershed Assessment Update

- Members met with Mark Metzler of Rettew Associates in early December to plan a strategy for the assessment. We are on target for due date of February 3, 2003.

Native Plant Nursery

- Local college and/or high school – Bob Censier will follow-up with various leads.

V. Election of Directors

- Ben Simmons administered the election process. There were no new nominations from the floor. Presentation of the slate was given as the first motion. The full slate of candidates (see attachment) was unanimously elected.

VI. Open Discussion

- New activities for the coming year include suggestions for an education fair, pig roast for landowners, and a watershed awareness day for local schoolchildren.
- Many of the projects from last year were well received and hope to be continued such as the bird walk, stream cleanup, adopt-a-highway program, and continuation of the Watershed Snapshot program.
- Elizabethtown/Mount Joy Recreation fields – trail linking Elizabethtown to the park. Can we get PENNDOT cooperation?
- Governor Dick Environmental center will be open by 2004.
- Hershey Trust is one of the largest landowners. What about approaching them to utilize the farms in the educational process – environmentally friendly farms.
- Ad-hoc committees should be reestablished.

VII. Guest Presentation

- Jineen Boyle, DEP Watershed Manager - DEP's New Stormwater Management Policy: What Is It, and What Role Can Watershed Groups Play?

VIII. Next Meeting

The next TCCCA meeting will be held at the Lawn Fire Company, Route 241 (Mt. Gretna Road) on Wednesday, February 26th from 7:00-9:00 pm.

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SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS, 2003

Name of Candidate	Credentials
Jay Book	Jay currently serves on the TCCCA Board and is up for reelection. He lives in the watershed in Conewago Township. Jay serves as a Director for the Dauphin County Conservation District.
Nicole Caruso	Nicole also currently serves on the Board. She is a Hershey native and a professional geologist for the consulting firm Geoservices, Ltd. of Camp Hill.
Bob Censier	Bob is an Elizabethtown resident and an active member of TCCCA. Bob has a keen interest in water quality issues and is currently heading TCCCA's efforts to develop a native plant nursery.
Larry Coble	An Elizabethtown resident, Larry is an active member of TCCCA and an expert birder and naturalist. Larry knows the Conewago well, and has also catalogued an incredible diversity of plant and animal life in the Conewago Falls area of the Susquehanna.
Tim Hoover	Tim is a current TCCCA Board member. He runs the Milton Hershey School Environmental Education Center, an important partner in TCCCA's riparian planting efforts.

Additional nominations will be taken from the floor at the January 29th meeting.

Tri-County Conewago Creek Association

Board of Directors and Officers

2003

Name (Officer)	Term Expires
Jay Book	2005
Tim Hoover	2005
Nicole Caruso (Vice President)	2005
Bob Censier	2005
Larry Coble	2005
Matt Royer (President)	2004
Lindsey Morris	2004
Hal Royer (Treasurer)	2004
Erin McKinne (Secretary)	2003
Mike McKinne	2003
Tom Murray	2003

